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SADAT FOLLOWING MARCH 18, 1975 MEETING AT ASWAN REST HOUSE

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1. SUBJECT REMARKS FOLLOW: QUOTE

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER: THE PRESIDENT AND I REVIEWED IN THE
USUAL FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE THE IDEAS WHICH I BROUGHT FROM ISRAEL.
THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN ME SOME ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS AND
IDEAS TO TAKE BACK TO ISRAEL. I AM RETURNING THERE THIS
AFTERNOON AND I EXPECT TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS THERE.
THIS IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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EM QUESTION: CAN YOU SEE A BREAKTHROUGH, DR. KISSINGER?

4. ANSWER: KISSINGER: ONE CAN'T, IN NEGOTIATIONS, SPEAK OF ANY PARTICULAR POINT AT WHICH THERE IS A BREAKTHROUGH. I AM TRYING TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES BY EXPLAINING THE IDEAS AS CAREFULLY AS I CAN.

5. QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, HAVE YOU ALREADY NARROWED THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES?

6. ANSWER: KISSINGER, AS I HAVE SAID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, THE GAP HAS NARROWED BUT IT ALWAYS REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER IT CAN FINALLY BE CLOSED.

7. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, HOW WOULD YOU CHARACTERIZE THE PROGRESS, IF ANY, IN THIS SPECIFIC SESSION?

8. ANSWER: SADAT: WELL, AS SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS STATED WE HAD A FRUITFUL TALK AND I HAVE GIVEN HIM SOME NEW CONSIDERATIONS AS AN ANSWER TO WHAT HE HAS BROUGHT HERE AND I THINK IT IS PREMATURE NOW TO SAY MORE.

9. QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, ARE YOU DETERMINED TO STAY IN THE REGION?

10. ANSWER: KISSINGER: AS I HAVE SAID ON MANY OCCASIONS, I AM DETERMINED TO STAY UNTIL WE EITHER REACH AN AGREEMENT OR IT IS CLEAR THAT WE CANNOT REACH AN AGREEMENT, SO I AM DETERMINED TO STAY HERE.

11. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, IN VIEW OF THE VIEWS BROUGHT FROM ISRAEL BY SECRETARY KISSINGER, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD INVOLVE AN ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PASSES AND FROM THE OIL FIELDS WOULD BE WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY?

12. ANSWER: SADAT: I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION ON THURSDAY, LET US HOPE, WHEN DR. KISSINGER RETURNS.

13. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, ARE THERE SOME SUBSTANTIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AREAS ON WHICH YOU AND THE ISRAELIS DO AGREE?

14. ANSWER: SADAT: WELL, I THINK YOU SHOULD ASK THE SECRETARY THIS QUESTION.

15. QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY? (LAUGHTER)

16. ANSWER: KISSINGER: I THINK THERE ARE SOME AREAS OF AGREEMENT

AND THERE ARE SEVERAL SUBSTANTIAL AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT.

17. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU GET THE FEELING THAT THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN THE LAST SESSION HERE, IN THE LAST ROUND OF EXCHANGE?

18. ANSWER: SADAT: I HAVE THE THE IMPRESSION THAT, AS I TOLD YOU AT THE BEGINNING, IT IS A VERY HARD, DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED ROUND.

19. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, THE ISRAELIS APPEAR TO BE TALKING ABOUT A DEMAND FOR THE ELEMENTS OR THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-BELLIGERENCY FROM EGYPT. IS THIS ANY MORE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU THAN THE PER SE DEMAND FOR NON-BELLIGERENCY?

20. ANSWER: SADAT: I HAVE STATED OUR POSITION AND IT IS QUITE CLEAR. WE SHALL NOT AGREE TO NON-BELLIGERENCY AS LONG AS THERE IS ANY FOREIGN SOLDIER ON OUR LAND, AND I SAID THAT DOING SO MEANS THAT I AM INVITING THEM TO STAY, SO I THANK THAT THIS IS QUITE CLEAR.

21. QUESTION: THE IDEA OF JOINT PATROLS WITH ISRAEL, DR. KISSINGER, HAS BEEN DROPPED COMPLETELY?

22. ANSWER: DR. KISSINGER: I THINK THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS PUT OUT A STATEMENT ON THE EGYPTIAN POSITION, WHICH IS CLEAR AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD AND HAS BEEN FULLY COMMUNICATED.

23. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A BUFFER ZONE IN WHICH THERE WOULD BE A STRENGTHENED UNITED NATIONS FORCE BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AND THE EGYPTIAN FORCES IF AN AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED?

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24. ANSWER: SADAT: I THINK THIS IS QUITE NATURAL BECAUSE IT IS ALREADY THERE. THERE IS A BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN US IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATES, IT IS ALREADY THERE.

25. QUESTION: SO THAT ANY AREA THAT WILL BE EVACUATED BY THE ISRAELIS AS A PART OF A NEW AGREEMENT, COULD BE REPLACED OR COULD BE SOLDIERED BY UNITED NATIONS TROOPS? IS THAT CORRECT?

26. ANSWER: SADAT: WELL, YOU ARE DRIVING AGAIN TO TRY TO FIND SOME OF THE DETAILS OF WHAT WE ARE DISCUSSING.

27. QUESTION: THAT'S TRUE, SIR. (LAUGHTER)

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